VRS has been implemented and 6137 employees have been separated with an expenditure of Rs. 211.25 crore.

**National Debate on FDI in Print Media**

*336. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to initiate national debate on allowing FDI in print media;

(b) if so, which is it likely to be initiated; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Information Technology has taken up the subject of 'Entry of Foreign Print Media' for examination. The Committee has invited views^uggestions from the public in general and professionals in the field of Print Media.

**Urban Schemes under NSDP in Andhra Pradesh**

*337. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the urban schemes which have been covered under National Slum Development Programme (NSDP) in Andhra Pradesh during the last five years with details thereof;

(b) the facilities being provided to the slums under NSDP; and

(c) the present success rate of the scheme in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) As reported by the State Government, 3265 Slum Pockets have been covered under National Slum Development Programme (NSDP) in Andhra Pradesh during the last five years *(i.e.* from 1997-98 onward).

(b) The following facilities are being provided under NSDP to the Slums in Andhra Pradesh:

Provision of Taps under "Own Your Tap" Scheme, Cement Concrete Roads, Cement Concrete Drains, Street Lightmg, Extension of Water Supply Pipe Lines etc.

(c) As reported by the State Government the facilities created under NSDP Scheme are functioning properiy. The performance of the Scheme in Andhra Pradesh is as follows:

*(Rs. in Crores)*

| | Km./No. | Amount utilised |
|---|---|---|
| Cement Concrete Roads | 1803 | 18.72 |
| Cement Concrete Drains | 1428 | 14.02 |
| Street Lightmg | 2025 | 16.52 |
| Water Supply Pipe Lines and Water Supply Connections | 43547 | 12.89 |
| TOTAL: | | 62.15 |

In Addition:—

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|---|---|
| Funds utilised | — Rs. 62.15 Crores |
| Number of works completed | — 5247 |
| Value of works completed | — Rs. 49.26 crores |
| No. of slum pockets covered | — 3,365 |
| No. of beneficiaries covered | — 34,82,358 |
| No. of tap connections | — 45,728 |

**Allocation of funds for the Welfare of disabled persons**

*338. SHRI R. MARGABANDU: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how much amount is allocated for welfare of disabled persons in the last financial year;

(b) the procedure adopted to allocate money for disabled persons;

(c) out of the allotted money, how much was utilized in the last financial year; and